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Officially Open Memorial Hall

CROSSFIELD.—When the weatherman issued storm warnings last Friday he almost ruined the efforts of the hall committee to make that evening a gala one for the opening of the new Memorial hall. Some 250 persons tackled the deep snow and took a chance on the wind and as it turned out they all had a good time and were able to get home again.

Bingo and other games were set up in the basement, a purebred Tamworth gilt, donated by Clayton High was raffled off and a silver-plated casserole donated by A. M. Shortt was auctioned off. The members of the Canadian Legion had made a great job of decorating, using a red, white and blue motif with colored balloons and pine branches. Music for the dance was provided by the Crossfield Aces with modern and old-time dances for young and old.

The midnight lunch was catered for and served by the Women's Guild, thus making it an all-round community effort. The whole affair netted the tidy sum of \$700 which will be a welcome addition to the hall fund. Mayor W. A. Hurt, as chairman of the hall committee thanked all for their efforts, with a special thank you to Mr. A. M. Shortt for his donation of an electric clock.

Now that the hall is in operation several events are scheduled to take place in the near future, including the Fish and Game Association banquet and dance on Wednesday, the High School Christmas play on Dec. 22 and 23, followed by a dance on Friday the 23rd and a New Year's Eve celebration on Saturday the 31st.

This hall has been needed here for a long time and last year was too poor to try and raise funds, what with drought and hail making a short crop, but the community can feel justly proud that they have done so much and not one penny of debt owing on it. The committee in charge of the building intend to call a public meeting early in the new year from which a hall board will be elected to operate the hall.

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Madden
Sunday School at 11 a.m.
Service at 12 noon.
Rev. C. W. Anderson, Minister.

LAST CALL FOR SANTA'S MAIL BAG



Central Pres. Candace
If Santa could see this little fellow, there is no doubt he'd stop his reindeer and make a personal appearance. He's just in time, too, before the sled will be filled and make the round-the-world trip at midnight.

MADDEN NEWS

MADDEN.—A dance sponsored by the Beaver Dam School, held Dec. 2, with proceeds for the Christmas tree fund, was very successful. There was a large crowd in attendance and an enjoyable time reported.

Volunteer workers have spent a lot of time working to get the Madden skating rink and dressing house in condition and now everything is ready for the water. Unfortunately a new well has had to be drilled but it is expected that ice will soon be ready.

Volunteer workers have been busy at the church insulating and finishing the basement of the church with gyproc. This was a much-needed improvement and will make the basement suitable for many activities.

The Madden Ladies' Club was held Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 7 at the home of Mrs. King. Election of officers and exchange of Christmas gifts took place. The club had quite a successful year and was able to pay most of the expenses entailed in finishing the basement of the church. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Aaskov on Jan. 4. The regular monthly meeting of Beaver Dam Home and School Association was held Thursday evening, Dec. 8 at the school. There was only a fair turnout at the meeting. Miss Liddell gave an instructive outline of what the course of studies requires in reading in junior grades. A general discussion of school problems followed. Lunch was served after the meeting adjourned.

Saturday, Dec. 9, the Sunday School had their Christmas party. Games were played and after the exchange of gifts, lunch was served.

Coyote Hunt Takes Place

ROCKYFORD.—The communities of Rockyford and Nightingale have combined their efforts and at their own expense are trying to extract wild game predators, such as coyotes, from the district.

Local hunts have been organized by Mr. A. J. Gearhart of Rockyford. The expeditions have proven successful with two coyotes killed one day and six on another. Plans are being made to have hunts of this type every Wednesday and Sunday afternoons as long as the weather permits.

Anyone who would like to take part in these coyote hunts should contact the Rockyford Hotel, Rockyford.

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE NEXT WEEK!

Next week COMMUNITY PUBLICATIONS will publish the annual Christmas edition of this paper. It will have special Christmas features, in color, and carry messages of good-will from home-town merchants who appreciate your patronage and take this ready means of expressing that appreciation.

News Earlier, Please!

All Local Editors and Reporters are requested to mail news for next week's paper AT LEAST THREE DAYS EARLIER THAN USUAL. The Christmas issue will be mailed sooner than usual to be sure all copies are in the hands of subscribers by Christmas Day.

THE EDITOR.

CROSSFIELD NEWS

CROSSFIELD.—Remember the Crossfield Baptist Christmas program will take place Tuesday night, Dec. 20. Everyone welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cashmore telephoned Evelyn at Portland, Ore. They were disappointed when they learned that Evelyn would not be home for Christmas.

The Ladies of the W.A. and the Avanti Group wish to thank all who donated and patronized them at their annual bazaar and the Old-Timers round-up.

Wedding

GIMBEL-OLIVER

LEVEL LAND.—Of far-reaching interest was an evening ceremony solemnized by candlelight at Rosebud S.D.A. church, Sunday, Nov. 27 at 7:00 p.m., when Betty Fern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Oliver of Peace River, exchanged marriage vows with Courtney Allen Gimbel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gimbel of Belseker. An evergreen background with pink and white candles was the setting for the ceremony at which Rev. C. D. Hagataz officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was groomed in a heavy ivory satin, the full skirt of which extended to form a medium train styled with rilly point sleeves and V-neckline and plain finger-tip veil of appliqued net. Her only jewellery was a gold locket with pearl setting, gift of the groom. She carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses with white streamers.

Matron of honor, Naida Gimbel, sister of the groom, wore pink sheer and carried deep rose carnations. Miss Betty Scott, one of the bridesmaids, was frocked in mauve tulle and carried pink carnations, and Mrs. Barbara Rodacre, sister of the bride, another bridesmaid, was frocked in apple-green brocade and mesh. Her bouquet was a pale yellow with pink-edged carnations.

Billy Oliver, Galt Leiske and Calvin Rodacre were groomsmen and the guests were ushered by Milton Nickels and Melvin Kennedy.

For the occasion Mrs. Oliver chose a forest green crepe frock with black and beige accessories and a corsage of rose colored carnations. Mrs. Gimbel wore a royal blue dress with matching accessories. Her corsage was of deep pink carnations.

The wedding march was played by Hervey Gimbel, brother of the groom. After the bride's mother ushered to her seat, a solo, "I'll Walk Beside You," was sung by Mrs. S. D. Leiske. While the bride and groom knelt at the altar Mrs. Sawers from C.U.C. College Heights, sang "O Perfect Love." "Because," another solo by Mrs. Chandler, was rendered while the registration was completed.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Belseker community hall. A short program of songs, readings and music was rendered. Dr. Hagataz acting as master of ceremonies, after which a delicious lunch was served to about 300 guests in the basement of the hall. The bride and groom received many useful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Gimbel left for a short honeymoon after which they will take up residence east of Belseker on a farm. To travel the bride donned a suit of medium blue and a corsage of white gardenia.

Local Red Cross Group Meets

CROSSFIELD.—On Dec. 9 the East Crossfield Red Cross Group met at the home of Mrs. Heaketh. Mrs. Fraser acted as joint hostess with Mrs. Heaketh.

Several pairs of pillow slips and flannelette panties were turned in to be sent to the Junior Red Cross hospital. Each of the ladies brought a box of home made candy as a "before Christmas" treat for the children at the hospital.

A food parcel to be sent to England, was prepared for mailing. Each donation was tally wrapped with festive colors.

After the business meeting, a Christmas party was held. Mrs. John Hehr had prepared a game for the occasion, "Big Sisters" exchanged Christmas gifts. A dainty lunch consisting of Christmas treats was served by Mrs. Heaketh and Mrs. Fraser.

Shower in Honor Of Bride-Elect

ROCKYFORD.—Feting Miss Audrey Roppel, a bride-elect of Dec. 7, a shower was given by Mrs. Bessie Tomte, and Mrs. Nell Mackin at the Rockyford United Church, at which 54 guests were present. Mrs. J. A. Wise and Mrs. R. L. Stone presented the bride with many lovely gifts, and expressed good wishes on behalf of the community. Mrs. Bud Schullis of Stand entertained with musical selections.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Clarence Roppel and daughter Carol, North Dakota; Miss Marjorie Roppel, Calgary; Mrs. Gunner Tannas, Mrs. Alf Tannas, Mrs. Don Tannas, Miss Evelyn Tannas, all of High River; Mrs. Bill Kemmett, Calgary; Mrs. R. L. Stone, Edmonton; Mrs. J. A. Wise, Mrs. John Potenaude, Calgary; and Mrs. Vern Dresser, Carbon.

Council Meetings

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Council will be held in the

FIRE HALL
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First Monday of each Month
at 8:30 p.m.

Notice To Creditors And Claimants

IN THE ESTATE OF HARRISON ULYSSES CROCKETT, late of the City of Los Angeles, in the State of California, one of the United States of America, Farmer, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claim or claim against the estate of the above named Harrison Ulysses Crockett who died on the 12th day of February, A.D. 1949, are required to file with Messrs. Fitch and Driscoll, by the 18th day of January, 1950, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the executors will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to their knowledge.

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Coldest Winter Freeze Can't Cover Hudson Bay

By JACK BIRD
(Fourth of a series on the Northland)

My veteran-of-the-Northland companion told me about Hudson Bay, which was half a mile away, on the other side of town.

I learned that the currents in this bay are anti-clockwise, and that in spite of the fact that it gets severely cold up there in winter, Hudson Bay does not freeze over. Only a narrow strip of from one to 10 miles along the shore freezes.

Usually all of James Bay, the latter half of a cold winter, freezes over.

Along this frozen border of Hudson Bay the waves, splashing all winter long, freeze into piled-up masses of ice. In the late spring when the ice thaws, these masses along the seaward edge of the frozen strip along the bay break up into small bergs.

But because this ice is frozen salt water they are called false, or pseudo-bergs, for real icebergs are frozen fresh water, because they come from glaciers, and glaciers in turn come from the freezing and compressing of masses of snow in high valleys or extended areas.

This compressed frozen stuff works its way down to the sea at the rate of 10 to 24 inches in 24 hours in summer, and less in winter, the middle and upper parts travelling faster than the sides and bottom. When it reaches the sea it breaks off, which is called calving, or the birth of an iceberg.

"The ice in a berg," explained Jim, "isn't quite the same as ordinary ice. It's more brittle. Indeed, it's so brittle that the blow

of an axe may split it, or the report of a gun can, by concussion, also crack or split a berg.

"And don't let any one tell you," he cautioned, "that you can know how much of an iceberg is under water by multiplying what you see above water by 8, 9, or 10—that's all wrong. You don't go by height at all. You go by mass; what you see above water is about one-eighth or one-ninth of the whole mass."

I told Old Jim about the first iceberg I had seen, which was off the southeast coast of Labrador. My two years on salt water, as sailor, traveller and commercial fisherman, have taught me how difficult it is to compute accurately height and distance at sea.

For example, once when I was sailing along the west coast of New England, in the Orkney Group, we passed a stack rock called the Old Man of Hoy. It is a reddish brown verticle rock at the west end of a spur of rock that just out from the island.

I was impressed, and told myself that that rock must be all of 100 feet high. Imagine my surprise, later in the day when I landed in the islands, to learn that that stack rock is 450 feet high! I had thought, too, that we were only about a quarter of a mile from shore. But I know now that it is — then we must have been between two miles from the land.

So I am aware that I might well be wrong in my estimate of the size of the first iceberg I saw. But anyway, I'd say that that berg was as large as a good-size ship, and would be about 500 feet long by perhaps 150 feet high.

This is no unusual size for a

North Atlantic berg, for they are sometimes 1,500 feet long, and 200 to 250 feet high to the top of the pinnacles. But my first berg was an unforgettable sight, and I shall always remember that great long rugged mass of pale green ice, deep blue in the cracks, and snow all over the top, driving majestically along before wind and current as though travelling under its own power.

Although it was the month of August, the temperature dropped down to 52. We kept that berg in sight for three hours.

Then I told him about smaller bergs, and flow ice and growlers. I had seen in the Strait of Belle Isle, and ice cakes floating by just north of Petersburg, in Alaska, on my way up to Juneau. Beyond Petersburg we had passed three glaciers in several hours, one of them was a valley full of blue ice twisting its sloping way down to the sea. These tidewater glaciers are the most southern on the Pacific coast.

Canadian Radar Guides Ships

Radar equipment designed and manufactured primarily for use during the last war, is now being produced by Canadian Arsenals Ltd. for installation aboard vessels of Canadian and foreign register. The luxury liner, Queen Elizabeth, largest ship afloat, is equipped with marine radar of Canadian manufacture, as is the Caronia, another passenger liner placed in service only this year. The top of the Empire of Canada records an occasion when she sailed up the Mersey and drew alongside the landing stage in Liverpool without any visual aids to navigation.

In fact, the first member of the ship's company to sight land was half way down the gangplank before he could discern part of the docks. Radar brought the Empire of Canada safe to land, and eliminated costly delays at the mouth of the Mersey.

The S.S. Lemoyne, longest ship operating on the Great Lakes is largely dependent on her radar set. The well-known icebreaker, N. B. McLean, which returns regularly from her summer vigil on the shipping lane through Hudson Strait, is able to plot her position in icefields by radar, while avoiding other marine hazards.

Walking To Work

Walking to and from work or school is one of the best forms of mild exercise. It stimulates the flow of blood and sharpens the appetite. It is a fine way to start the day . . . far better than exchanging germs with close-packed neighbors on a bus or streetcar.

Starting Off Right

Everyone needs a good breakfast to get the day off on the right foot. Many surveys have shown that children and adults who take a sketched breakfast "on the fly" become tired and listless before noon. A few years ago breakfast was an important meal. Don't let it be ignored in your family. Publications on food preparation and menus come to you free of charge from local or provincial departments.

Sugar beets are having the United Kingdom more dollars than any other crop according to Sir Francis Humphrey, of the Sugar Corporation.

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After Name Has Faded Personality Lingers On

Many of those I've interviewed and I remember distinctly I cannot even put a name to. That applies particularly to the Japanese and distinguished visitors from India, who were particularly numerous in the immediate pre-war years.

The only member of the Dutch general staff who escaped during the German invasion told me a fantastic story which would still be hard to believe if it had not since been confirmed (part of it was about the German general who was flying a white horse into Holland for his triumphal entry but unfortunately his aircraft crashed, giving the Dutch not only the white horse but the complete plans for the invasion). William Shirer ("Berlin Diary") told me the truth about the German rehearsal for invasion long before it was generally accepted.

I'm still annoyed at Leonard Crocombe, editor of Tit-Bits, who took as the title of a chapter of a book he wrote about Canada, the title of an article I told him I was writing about Sir James MacBrien, "The Mounties Have Their Man." If it hadn't been such an inferior effort generally I might have considered suing him or plagiarism. (Unfortunately Sir James died before the article could go to press.)

Fleeting impressions begin to crowd one another in memory: Just as the Lord Bessy's resemblance to Sir Edward Beatty (they both wore their hair a very jaunty angle and looked very much alike, although both said they were unaware of any blood relationship) . . . Meeting Mrs. Wallis Simpson and not even being aware of who she was until afterwards . . .

The only complaint about an interview I've ever received from Sir Walter Citrine, who said I should have given an editorial explanation for one of his remarks (specifically that I should have stated an English town was much larger than a Canadian one) . . . Madeline Carroll's double chin, which was a shock . . . How much lovelier OFF screen than on was Maureen O'Sullivan (the cinema could not catch her vivid complexion, black hair, light blue eyes and truly flawless complexion) . . .

Mischa Elman spending the better part of an evening trying to persuade me the only quality which made a great musician was personality and I doubting it more by the minute . . .

Richard Crooks, who doesn't smoke, explaining that he endorsed a particular brand of cigarettes to keep his in-laws properly supplied . . . Doris Duke who doesn't like a brand of cigarettes which contributed greatly to making her the richest girl in the world . . . Sonia Heine refusing to skate unless her terms were met.

Lord Blyng being given an em-

brace by R. B. Bennett which would do credit to a French general bestowing decorations . . . The Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice being as interested as children at a toy show during a special Army demonstration at Petawawa . . . Sally Rand justifying her act compared to the ordinary strip teaser in the words, "It is better than X marks the spot" . . . Rosina Lawrence being so excited at meeting a cordon of Royal Canadian Mounted Police that she did not realize what a sensation SHE was causing . . .

How quickly Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., could get his best profile into line as soon as he spotted a news camera . . . Sir Cedric Hardwicke chasing a hat down the street which he lost in a high wind . . . Fritz Kreisler talking at length about composing and then a week later revealing that he was the composer of music he had for years claimed was the work of minor masters (I never quite forgave him nor myself for not getting that story SOMEHOW) . . . Arthur Koestler who took the

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AFTER NAME HAS FADED PERSONALITY LINGERS ON

Wind out of my sails after I had thought up a VERY contentious question by simply stating, "I agree" . . .

Cordell Hull handling a press conference as if it were a gathering of the nations . . . My embarrassment when I referred to Ramsay MacDonald as "Sir Ramsay" . . . Sir Robert Borden's "I think I am quite capable of writing my own," reply to the suggestion I would be willing to give him a hand with his memoirs . . . The language Bob Manion used in describing his ex-chief, Viscount Bennett . . .

Major Douglas admitting his theories would be augmented and revised if Social Credit obtained power to give them political effect . . . Mrs. Percy Grainger remarking that her husband got annoyed when he was asked to a party and then requested to play and the host interrupting that precise moment with such a request . . . Sir Ian Fraser, head of St. Dunstan's, whom I thought would give an interview on the blind but proving to have been a member of the commission responsible for institution of the BBC and talking volubly about the subject the same day the CBC bill first came before the Canadian House of Commons . . .

Lord Halifax (then Lord Irwin) and Sir Stafford Cripps because of the cold inciseness of their personalities and minds . . . Katia Mann because she treated husband Thomas as if he were too delicate and precious for this world which, methinks, he disliked but suffered . . . The tall Sherwood Anderson because he made me feel insignificant in more ways than one . . . Arthur Bryant because he frankly admitted he was completely ignorant of the economic aspects of history . . . Hannan Swaffer because of his habit of rubbing cigarette ashes into a blue suit until it was almost gray . . .

Neville Chamberlain because of his remark: "After all, we are still in the colonies" . . . Sir Ronald Squires because of his intimate stories of Lawrence of Arabia (to whom he was mentor and friend)

DYING MOTHER FLIES TO ENGLAND



Guest of the T.C.A., Mrs. John Irving, of Hamilton, Ont., right, is seen with her three children, Mrs. E. H. Molson, her sister, and Pilot Sam Jackson. The war bride is being flown gratis to England to place her children with her family. Suffering from an incurable disease, she is not expected to live more than a few months.

—General Press Canada

. . . Fiorella La Guardia because he sincerely meant his crusade for democracy and reminded me of another colorful mayor, Camillien Houde . . .

When I start recalling these incidents to mind, the list seems endless. Many I have not mentioned were equally famous, but somehow or other the interview was routine, or to be mentioned at all would require more than a single line.

Certain persons like Nina The-

lode, the dancer, Albert Spaulding, violinist, Harry Parr Davis, composer, Walter Nash, New Zealand statesman, and Chaim Wiseman, world president of the Zionist Organization, remain in memory because of the force of their personality.

This is all the more unusual, because for a period, I kept clippings of interviews, and looking them over, I found that 80 per cent of them had completely faded.

CANADIAN BUSINESS STABILITY BETTER THAN IN UNITED STATES

MONTREAL. — Canada's relative business stability as compared with developments in the United States was described as the most noteworthy feature of this country's economic trend by the president of the Bank of Montreal, B. C. Gardner, at the 132nd annual meeting.

In Canada, as in the United States, said Mr. Gardner, there had been cyclical forces on the down-side. But, here in Canada,

these recessive influences were largely being offset, he said, by the fact that "we have a vigorous program of industrial expansion based not so much on the outlook for business next year or the year after, as on an appraisal of this country's magnificent long-term potentials."

"We have," the president declared, "gained self-confidence and 'know-how' as an industrial nation, and in the field of natural resources we are re-discovering our own frontier. It may not be too much to suggest that Canada is currently undergoing a phase of dynamic growth which, relatively speaking, is not unlike that experienced by the United States in the years following World War I."

In a review of the domestic scene, Mr. Gardner said that "something approaching a balance of forces" had been achieved in the price structure. The general business outlook had, he believed, "a good many healthy and reassuring aspects."

Discussing the effect of the dollar crisis on Canadian export trade and world economic order, the president described the trend of our economic development as pointing logically to a closer balance in trade with the United States. Contraction of our exports to traditional overseas markets was, he said, "almost inevitable." The recent currency devaluation he considered to be a step in the right direction, but he questioned the effectiveness of establishing rates by "governmental fiat." Trade expansion might well be encouraged, he suggested, by the admittedly bold step of permitting a variation in exchange rates, cushioned against violent fluctuation by a stabilization fund.

Mr. Gardner defined the ultimate as an international economy capable of functioning "on its own." Stressing the necessity for

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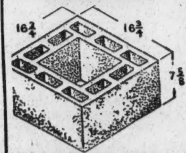
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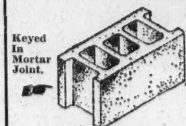
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A PUBLIC SERVANT

As editors and publishers, newspapermen like to think of themselves, first of all, as public servants. Sometimes a public servant has to do things that some of the people it is intended to serve do not like. At other times, we may not speak out when some think we should.

Some weeks ago a reader of the South Edmonton Sun wanted us to campaign for more frequent bus stops on Whyte Avenue. We didn't agree that this was in the public interests, however. It is true that a stop at every corner would reduce the distance the bus riders would have to walk, but the extra space taken from private auto parking for bus stops, and the slow-up of service resulting to the busstop would ultimately work a hardship on motorists and bus-riding pedestrians alike.

A reader has summed up our feelings on the subject as follows:

"A paper such as this, which is devoted entirely in service to its community, is frequently pressed to agitate against many and sundry evils that beset any well-behaved society. To succumb to the temptation of diatribe against all wrong would surely make an editor the servant of slander, and reduce his paper to a 'slob sheet'."

"We feel, however, that there are main public issues which should be joined, when the health and moral of society is threatened."

One thing that rouses our editorial ire is the disgraceful conduct of patrons of public dance halls. How they carry on in the dance hall is none of our concern. But when the health and morals of our community is threatened by promiscuity, illegal drinking and trespassing on private property in the neighborhood, of these public dance halls we rise to take issue.

Owners of dance halls should be made to build out in the country where their patrons can do no harm to private property or public morals.

THE COMBINES REPORT

The storm which broke over the House of Commons recently over the long, and illegal, delay in the publishing of the Combines Investigators' report into the milling industry, has started to subside. In the meantime a lot of linen has been washed, many harsh words have been uttered, and the cabinet has received a public going-over which won't do them the least bit of harm.

The government's excuse for the delay in publishing the report is that many of the charges in the report arose out of the milling companies doing what they were ordered to do by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. It also came out in the discussion that some of the companies hesitated to carry out the instructions of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board when they were first received, because, they claimed, that to follow these instructions would leave them liable to prosecution under the Combines Investigation Act. In order to get the companies to play ball with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board it was necessary to assure them that they would not be prosecuted for actions undertaken as a result of Wartime Prices and Trade Board instructions.

The point which is difficult to decide, of course, is whether all the things the companies are accused of doing were necessary to carry out Wartime Prices and Trade Board instructions, or whether the companies took advantage of the situation to do things they could ordinarily be prosecuted for. It would take a brave or foolish man to decide what the score is on the evidence so far made public.

However, there is one point which stands out through the smoke with all the clarity of a rainbow following a shower—and that is the complications which have arisen out of an honest attempt by the government to control prices during an emergency. This is something which the proponents of planning might be well advised to keep in mind. It is easy to plan. But it is not so simple to make sure that the end result of the planning will be what you hoped for when you started out.

It was Bobby Burns who wrote:

"The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley."

It seems to us that Burns' little verse ought to be compulsory memory work in these days when so many people are being deluded by the idea that the answer to all our problems is government planning. Mice, men, and governments "gang aft agley."

Frank Leahy Named
Coach of the Year

For the fifth time in the last seven years, Frank Leahy of Notre Dame fame has been named "Coach of the Year" by American sports writers.

This week he was given the nod by an almost unanimous vote in the annual poll. The two years Frank missed receiving this award he was in the American Navy.

Frank had a wealth of material

to work with at Notre Dame this year and his team recently was rated as the top gridiron machine in the nation, but the newshounds who selected him for the coveted coaching position pointed out that Leahy had a tremendous job keeping his boys up for each game with a long winning streak going. Leahy is 41. He was born in O'Neill, Neb., August 27, 1908. He played tackle on Notre Dame's championship team of 1929 under the late Knute Rockne's tutelage. He assumed the coaching role at Notre Dame in 1941.

Scriptural
Meditations

"John, the beloved disciple, the one who most fully reflected the likeness of the Saviour, did not naturally possess that lovelessness of character. He was not only self-assertive and ambitious for honor, but impetuous, and resentful under injuries. But as the character of the Divine One was manifested to him, he saw his own deficiency, and was humbled by the knowledge. The strength and patience, the power and tenderness, the majesty and meekness, that he beheld in the daily life of the Son of God, filled his soul with admiration and love. Day by day his heart was drawn out toward Christ, until he lost sight of self in his Master. His recent, ambitious temper was yielded to the molding power of Christ. The regenerating influence of the Holy Spirit renewed his heart. The power of the love of Christ wrought a transformation of character. This is the sure result of union with Jesus. When Christ abides in the heart, the whole nature is transformed. Christ's Spirit, His love, softens the hard attitudes of the soul, and raises the thoughts and desires toward God and heaven."

"Steps to Christ."

SUN GLEAMS

Many persons do not know the difference between chaos and discus.

A pessimist not only knows the worst will come but that it will occur to him.

The optimist hopes the better things will come to him; the altruist, that the other fellow will get the breaks.

In every walk of life these days people seem to be ready to ride.

Why is it that nearly everyone believes he is a great writer in embryo? Editors are the exception. If they could write they wouldn't be editors.

Russia's idea of the atom bomb appears to be, "let's up an atom."

Ink used in printing the National History Magazine, published by the American Museum of Natural History, is made with chemicals which will give off the woody fragrance of pine. — News items in Christian Science Monitor.

This sort of thing can be carried too far. We can think of a perfume bottle which is so small that they were to give off a perfume appropriate to their contents, would certainly smell small.

Several guests of the government in the penitentiary have expressed a liking for musical instruments for Christmas. Preferably musical saw.

Why is it that persons who have closed minds seldom could have the same thing said about their mouths?

Flying Mayor

CALGARY. When Mayor-elect Don Mackay boarded a regularly scheduled North Star to attend the Stampeder-Alouette football game recently, he was a perplexed young man. A takeoff time he was leading the mayoralty race by a close margin. It wasn't until the aircraft was approaching Winnipeg that word came over the plane's radio that victory was certain and the pilot passed along the good news.

Only 13 rookies are competing in the National Hockey League this season. Last year there were 20. Boston Bruins lead the circuit in newcomers with four, the New York Rangers and Chicago Black Hawks, have three, Detroit Red Wings, two and the Montreal Canadiens, one. Stanley Cup holders, Toronto Maple Leafs boast all veterans.

Agriculture experts say the load frog eats each year as many insects as it would cost a farmer \$8 to kill.

Should Alberta Farms Gel Electrification!

By T. W. PUE

One cold winter's day, some twenty years ago, while I was selling newspapers on the streets of my home town, I retreated for a few minutes into a store to get warmed up. While hugging the radiator near the door I overheard two old society belles discussing automobiles and farmers.

I distinctly recall the conclusions of their little chat. They decided that cars were alright for city folk, but they didn't think farmers should own automobiles.

When you consider how much more useful a car or truck is to a farmer, traveling miles from town, than it is to a city dweller, and the alacrity with which western farmers have taken to this new age of motorization, you might well ask how and the Mrs. Snodgrass to the conclusion that farmers shouldn't have automobiles.

T. W. Pue

FARMS NOW MOTORIZED

Now nearly every farmer has a gasoline engine, car, truck or tractor. Our young farmers read about miles in the comics, and learn about horses when they see a western movie on Saturday night. They don't know anything much about six shodders, however, but plenty about six cylinders. Our present-day farmer starts the day with a stationary gasoline engine to pump water and milk the cows. The children go to school in a modern motor bus and the Mrs. Snodgrass to the mid-week shopping tour in a late-model Plymouth or Chevrolet.

Mr. Alberta farmer does most of his work with a trusty high-powered gasoline tractor and in the fall drives around in style in a self-propelled combine. Some of them motor to Texas or California in the family automobile or fly there in a four-engine stratospherizer, to spend the winter.

And the two old ladies on whom I eyed myself, a frost-bitten newbaw said farmers shouldn't have cars!

WHY NOT ELECTRIFIED, TOO?

As long as I can remember, city dwellers have had electricity in their homes. I can't remember the day when electric lights and electric motors have been a commonplace part of city life.

Neither do I remember when the sight of power poles in a farm yard hasn't given me a sense of surprise. Yet it seemed incongruous to me that the very section of our people — our farmers, that could do most with the services of "Reddy Kwikwatt" the electricity servant, are without it.

GLOOMY DEAN GIVES WARNING

Emerging from retirement, Dr. Inge of St. Paul's London, the "gloomy Dean," voiced this warning:

"Either the nations must surrender some fraction of their independence to a supernatural authority which will have the power to settle disputes peaceably or peace will be restored as in the Roman Empire by a knockout blow by the strongest power. This last looks painfully like a Tartar domination of Europe and Asia. Shall we have the sense to choose the former alternative?"

The Chaplain of the United States Senate, Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, made a timely comment on the Dean's statement. Writing in the Washington Sunday Times, he said:

"But the fatal trouble is that the 'former alternative,' namely, just adjustments of the differences by dividing mankind, cannot be chosen unless men and nations change."

"Communism is out on a world-wide scale to liquidate one class and put another unchanged class on the top of the heap. Socialism, often sincere enough in its attempts to eliminate exploitation in order to bring the good things of life to all people, is still dealing with unchecked selfishness which can wreck any social scheme."

"Even in a chastened capitalism, management and labor conflict. That other with bitterer bitterness and suspicion in a constant tug-of-war. With legislation and compromise, the attempt doomed to futility is being made to build an airy edifice on the sinking sands of an unchanged society. It is self-evident that the Utopian plan will not work without the Utopian man."

The only escape from catastrophe is to change human nature. That old diagnosis is as old as the Matchless Figure who enunciated the Sermon on the Mount and who insisted, as He fronted the deepest needs of the individual and of society, 'You must be changed.' 'Born again,' He called it."

MORE USEFUL PURPOSES

Think of all the ways in which electricity would assist the farmer. Here are some of them:

LIGHTS, for house, barnyard, far barns, buildings, garages, repair shops.

POWER for grain grinders, milking machines, cream separators, silo and other forms of stationary electric and the thermostatic control.

RUNNING WATER with the use of electric power for compression, in every form of water supply.

CONSTANT HEAT by means of coal stokers with electric power and the thermostatic control.

POWER FROM COAL MINES

The electric power generated from running water may have its uses, but in Alberta it is a pity it don't wait to wait until all hydro developments are made. Almost in every man's back yard there are coal deposits. Why not build power houses near coal mines for rural electrification? Points such as Heister, Forestburg, Morinville and Camrose have plenty of coal. No one has yet had the nerve to set up the power plant at the mine head.

HOW TO GET IT NOW? There is no necessity for socialized power service as long as the existing private companies continue the rapid rate of installation on farms.

What Alberta farmers should be certain of is a steady rate of farm installations, a rate as fast as could be expected under any other system. If present methods are not adequate, there is always the alternative of government-owned Power Commission. But town people well satisfied with the service they receive from the power companies also do not desire to have the same satisfactory service. The fact that there is an alternative should keep private power companies on their toes.

HIGH INSTALLATION COSTS

One of the biggest problems facing the average farmer is the very high cost of installing power lines from the power company to his buildings. As a canvasser with much experience in calling on farmers, I have heard a great deal of respect for the man who builds his home near the road and a great deal of hate for a mile off in the west pasture. Farmers building new homes should keep in mind the installation of power lines, and build up near the road.

Power companies could go a step further. They could draw up perhaps some months in advance of installations (or even years) layout maps showing the power lines which the power lines will run. Then farmers should be enabled to plan their buildings from the proposed power lines.

Alberta farmers have a great deal of trouble with the horse and buggy stage on transportation. They do equally well with rural electrification.

Clint Hartung May Play First

Clint Hartung, the Honda hurricane, will probably find himself playing first base for New York Giants next season.

That's the good word from New York ball club's front office.

Hartung, who was flop as an outfielder because he couldn't catch a fly, and mediocre as a pitcher, is said to be slated for a tryout at first when the Giants camp for spring training at Phoenix, Ariz., on March 1.

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With Big Jawn Mize, the former Giant first sacker, now a Yankee, the Giants are badly in need of a first baseman.

Joe LaFata, who has had the inside track on the post, it appears, will never hit enough big league pitching to hold down the job.

Jack Harschman, with Minneapolis last season and Tookie Gilbert, who saw duty with Nashville, are said to be, not yet ready for the big-time.

Both are ticketed for the Giants, and will be out at spring training but it's unlikely that they'll be able to make the grade this year and will be sent out for more seasoning at one of the Giants' farm clubs.

It is said to be a cinch that the Giants won't be able to buy a first baseman this year because there are so few prospects of big league calibre available so thus the reason for giving Hartung a chance.

One thing, Clint can hit major league pitching and that's what the front office wants their initial sacker to be able to do.

Because he couldn't catch a fly while playing outfield, Clint was given a chance to pitch and he started out like a house-a-fire,

winning his first four starts, but he faded like a smoke ring after the season got hotter. He can't it is said, throw a curve worthy of the name, but the Giant officials figure he'll come into his own at first.

Baseball followers will be watching with great interest Hartung's showing and all will be wishing him the best on his latest trial as a big leaguer.

Ring Body Names New Appointees

Three new members have been appointed to the Edmonton Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

They include Mickey McGuire, Edwin L. Clarke, Jr., and Ken Lawson.

Lawson and Clarke are newly elected aldermen, while, McGuire is a well known city boxing referee and a former fighter himself.

Reappointed to office were A. G. Shute and Alex Wynnchuk.

The commission has been increased from six to eight this year, so Clarke, McGuire, Lawson, Shute and Wynnchuk join the

No Title at Stake In Football Bowls

Unlike Canada—and most other sports which intrigue national interest—American college football has no championship play-offs.

Bowl games initially were supposed to be some sort of a substitute. In fact, they tried at first to encourage the tradition of two unbeaten teams during regular season meeting in a post-season climax. But conceivably some seasons this might be an impossibility.

This year only four teams have undefeated records among the major universities: Notre Dame, Army, Oklahoma Sooners and

three holdover members, Dr. L. R. Dodds, C. R. Croft and Fred Kemp.

Retiring Commissioner is Dr. Eardley S. Allin.

Actually, the new appointees makes a 10 man commission as "according to Hoyle" both Mayor Sidney Parson and Chief Constable Reg. Jennings are also commission members.

California Bears. The first two named have spurned bowl games and the other two are not opponents.

While no national title is at stake, it may be assumed reasonably that it has already been won. Notre Dame won easily in the final votes of the Associated Press poll of football writers and sportscasters.

The Irish had 2,402 points compared with the second place Oklahoma with 2,018 points and California's 1,900.

Teams who are appearing in the four major bowls, Rose, Sugar, Cotton and Orange, shared 11 regular season defeats among them, not to mention three ties, not a very high bowl standard.

One of the most unusual selections for any bowl contest was Louisiana State, which will meet undefeated Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl. They started out the season by losing to Kentucky and Georgia and had to defeat three Conference Champions to get their bid.

LSU had to get special dispensation from their own Southeastern Conference to play. To be eligible for post-season play a team is supposed to have a .750 record whereas Louisiana had .667.

In spite of California's unbeaten record, they will have a battle to defeat Ohio State, a team which, like LSU, had been getting better as the season progressed.

Experts would probably pick them this way: Rose Bowl—California over Ohio State; Cotton Bowl—Rice over North Carolina; Orange Bowl—Kentucky over Santa Clara; Sugar Bowl—Oklahoma over Louisiana State; Sun Bowl—Texas Western over Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Usually played on New Year's Day, the games this year will be on January 2 as the first day of the year falls on Sunday.

BEISEKER NEWS

BEISEKER.—The "Bay Shopping Hostess," Dorothy Hudson, who in private life is Florence Thorp, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ki Killen.

On Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. S. Silbernagel entertained at a large house party in their home.

Mr. Bill Rempel visited his mother and father at Claresholm on Sunday.

Miss Annie German is working at the Beiseker hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmaltz and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long of Irricana spent the week-end at Edmonton.

Mr. Morris Belin spent the week-end in Beiseker with his family.

Mr. Fred Campbell has been confined to bed for several days. Better hurry up out of there Fred. Santa might catch you.

The Ladies' Bridge Club met last week at the home of Mrs. Leo Schmaltz. Mrs. Brosteaux was the winner of the high score.

By the way what has Swallow got that Beiseker hasn't?

Among the local mirrors who attended the Gleichen turkey shoot on Sunday were E. Kroschel and Adam Velker. They didn't come home with the bacon but they did bring home a roast.

The children of both the Catholic and United Churches are busy preparing for their Christmas parties and concerts which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18. The United Church are having theirs in their church at the morning Sunday School and the St. Mary's Parish concert will be held for the parishioners in the afternoon at the hall.

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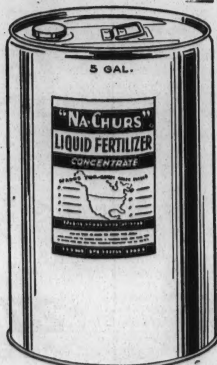
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MISCELLANEOUS

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FRIENDS OFF THE COURTS, FOES ON IT



—Central Press Canadian

It's a wonder Pancho Gonzales (right) can still smile after 6-1, 6-1, licking he absorbed from Jack Kramer, left, during their singles match played in Toronto, before 5,000 tennis enthusiasts. The famous tennis stars are currently touring U.S. and Canada, along with two other net stars, Pancho Segura and Frank Parker. Kramer, in running his string of wins to 30 in 34 matches over the Mexicans, left no doubt in the minds of his complete superiority. In Segura-Parker match, the Ecuadorian dropped first set to Parker, 6-2, but won second by that margin and outlasted Parker in the third, 10-4. Segura then joined up with Gonzales in doubles to win first set 8-6, while Parker and Kramer won second, 6-2.

Second Sports Confab To Be Held in Ottawa

OTTAWA—Invitations have just been issued to more than 40 national sports organizations, both amateur and professional, to attend a second conference of sports-governing bodies in Ottawa on January 6th and 7th.

This was announced here today by J. H. Rose, of Calgary, recently named by the National Council of Physical Fitness to convene such a meeting, and by Dr. Doris W. Plevins, of Ottawa, the conference secretary.

The first conference held in Ottawa last January to consider ways of promoting greater unity in sports in Canada was attended by nearly 70 representatives and observers.

Several committees established at the first meeting are scheduled to bring reports on such matters as the participation of school students in outside sports, co-ordination and simplification of the amateur code; establishment of a permanent, non-governmental sports council; and requests to the cabinet for grants for sports facilities.

The 1950 conference will be organized and conducted on the same basis as the first one, Mr. Rose stated. It is being called, he pointed out, at the request of the 1949 conference and on the recommendation of the National Council on Physical Fitness. The sports groups have been invited to submit additional items for the conference's consideration.

Following is a list of the organizations to whom invitations have been sent: Amateur Athletic Union of Canada; Boxing Committee, A.A.U. of C.; British Empire Games Committee, A.A.U. of C.; Canadian Amateur Basketball Association; Canadian Amateur Hockey Association; Canadian Amateur Ski Association; Canadian Amateur Swimming Association; Canadian Carroms Association; Canadian Badminton Association; Canadian Bowling Association; Canadian Figure Skating Association; Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union; Canadian Lacrosse Association; Canadian Lawn Bowling Association; Canadian Lawn Tennis Association; Canadian Olympic Committee of the A.A.U. of C.; Canadian Rugby Union; Canadian Secondary Schools Association; Canadian Small Bore Association; Canadian Snowshoe Union; Canadian Softball Association; Canadian Table Tennis Association; Canadian Wheelmen's Association; Canadian Women's Senior Golf Association; Canadian Yachting Association; Chess Federation of Canada; Dominion Curling Association; Dominion of Canada Football Association; Dominion Rifle Association; Gymnastics Committee, A.A.U. of C.; Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union; National Baseball Congress of Canada; National Pong Committee; National Hockey League; Nova Scotia Softball Association; Ontario Amateur Softball Association; Provincial Women's Softball Union of Ontario; Royal Canadian Rugby Association; Track and Field Committee, A.A.U. of C.; Western Canada Universities Athletic Union; Western Canada Softball Association; Weightlifting Committee, A.A.U. of C.; Western Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada; and the Wrestling Committee, A.A.U. of C.

Store Held Up By Gunman

Edmonton's first armed hold-up in three years took place in South Edmonton this week when Jewell Electric, 8213 109 street, was victimized to the extent of \$200 in cash and a portable radio.

A middle-aged hold-up man, brandishing a shiny automatic pistol made his daring robbery at 5:25 p.m. Monday.

Victims of the gunman, were store manager Ralph DeWelle and a customer Hyman Yellin.



By D. M. McLEAN, M. Sc. Assistant Director, Line Elevators Farm Service, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Training for Citizenship

The Junior Farm Club program, by conspicuous achievement, has attained a prominent position in Canadian agriculture. It has rendered a service to farm youth, and through them to the industry as a whole, the warrants recognition.

Club work for rural youth is an important part of agricultural extension programs both in Canada and the United States. It is a voluntary educational movement designed to provide, through organized clubs, practical training in agriculture, homemaking and citizenship. It is not a substitute for formal education as provided in our schools, but rather an important supplement to it.

Objectives Achieved. By studying and demonstrating approved practices in agriculture and citizenship, club members have helped to raise the standard of farm production and to improve living conditions in the home. This in itself is quite an accomplishment but by no means the only measure of success. From early beginning this youth program has sought to develop in the members, a greater appreciation of good citizenship.

It is in the arts, by gaining experience in the art of self expression, by learning parliamentary procedure, by holding office in the clubs, club members are developing initiative, tolerance and understanding. These experiences will prepare them for people for greater service to the community.

Leadership Important. This program could not be possible without the devoted service of hundreds of voluntary adult leaders. These leaders have been the great driving force behind the success of the movement. With over a million farm youth of club age in Canada, and less than 50,000 enrolled in Clubs for the current year, there are still great opportunities for expansion and development.

Any organization which is developing in young people a greater appreciation of rural life and progressive agriculture, is performing a valuable function in the nation and deserves the support and goodwill of all.

The Line Elevator Companies associated with this Department offer sincere congratulations to Provincial Extension Services, club leaders, and all others responsible for the success of basic training for citizenship.

11237 87 street, who were held at gun-point while the till was robbed.

On leaving the premises, the robber paused long enough to help himself to a portable radio from the store window and almost in the same motion, held the store door open to admit, Mrs. Vera Mohr, manageress of the Bonnie Fashion Shop, next door, who was coming in to make a purchase.

A police magnet has been launched in search of the gunman, but thus far no arrests have been made. A good description of the holdup man was given police by DeWelle and Yellin.

In view of the large amount of currency being turned over in city stores during the Christmas rush police officials believe it is a wise move for merchants to remove most of their cash from tills to a more secure and safe place in the event of similar happenings.

Store merchants are warned to be on the alert, as this is the time of the year, that gunmen such as that which robbed the Jewell Electric strike.

Be cautious with any suspicious looking individuals, they warn.

Art Ross, Boston Bruins mentor, was presented with a scroll at Boston's Statler Hotel, stating that he is a member of Hockey's Hall of Fame.

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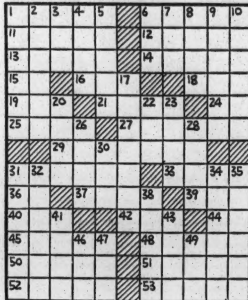
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 28. Reaches across
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 2. A sea-bird
 3. Extinguish
 4. Amount



CANADIAN BUSINESS STABILITY BETTER THAN IN UNITED STATES

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Increased standards of productivity in dollar-short nations, he questioned if the capital "lump" in the life-blood of production efficiency would be available in countries maintaining heavy public budgets or added to the nationalization of business.

The general manager, Gordon R. Ball, presented a balance sheet featuring totals in excess of two billion dollars for both deposits and assets. Resources, he reported, were at an all-time high of \$2,140,000,000 and deposits at a new record level of \$2,019,000,000, with savings deposits running over a billion dollars for the first time in the history of any Canadian bank. Current loans and discounts in Canada at \$449,000,000 were at the highest year-end figure ever reported. Investments had increased to \$1,168,000,000, and four million dollars had been transferred to the reserve fund.

Mr. Ball said that the bank

had been impressed by the number of concerns showing stationary or declining profits on a substantially increased volume of business. He suggested a re-examination by businessmen of their "break-even" points and a new recognition of the need for efficiency and economy.

The general manager emphasized the desirability of permitting business to build up resources out of earnings. This principle, he said, had received some recognition in the last budget and he felt it should be extended to permit reduced taxation at a higher level of profits that the present amount of \$10,000. Mr. Ball stressed the desirability of small concerns being able to plough back a portion of their earnings into the business, and the importance to this country of its small business.

B of M Resources Over Two Billion

MONTREAL. — With resources topping two million dollars for the first year-end in its history, the Bank of Montreal has issued its annual report, telling how this great sum was kept hard at work in 1949 through commercial loans and investments at record levels.

Plain talk and thumbnail sketches lighten the statement again this year, as they have done in every annual summing-up of the B. of M. since 1945, when it pioneered a human approach in the presentation of bank reports.

Headed "A Special Message To Customers of the B. of M." the 132nd, yearly statement justifies its theme: "This Year You've Written A Two-Billion-Dollar Story"—by showing how its resources are helping Canadians in every walk of life to make a better future for themselves and for Canada. It demonstrates this by explaining in everyday language the meaning of the balance-sheet figures.

DEPOSITS OVER TWO BILLION

In almost every phase of its activities, Canada's senior bank reports development corresponding to the business trends of the country during the past year. Both deposits and total resources

have passed the two-billion-dollar level, breaking all B. of M. records. There is a healthy increase in loans, too, and the bank's earnings show a modest improvement despite increased taxes.

The B. of M.'s deposits have risen by \$142,000,000 to a new high of \$2,019,000,000. The larger part of this sum represents the savings of well over a million Canadian citizens, and the rest consists of funds that manufacturers, merchants, farmers and businessmen keep in the bank to meet their day-to-day obligations.

RECORD INVESTMENTS

Holdings of government and other public securities increased from just over a billion dollars to the present figure of \$1,045,000,000. Cash and quickly realizable assets add up to \$1,602,000,000, or 78 per cent of everything the B. of M. owes the public. This is in keeping with the bank's traditional policy of maintaining a strong liquid position.

At the same time, the figure for commercial loans has risen to the highest year-end figure in the bank's history. Covering both business and personal borrowing, this has risen from \$458,000,000 to \$487,000,000, representing credit extended to business and industrial enterprises for production of every kind, to farmers, fishermen, lumbermen, and to citizens in every walk of life.

The B. of M.'s resources climbed to a new peak of \$2,139,000,000, providing an excess of assets over public liabilities of some \$85,000,000. The figure that emphasizes the bank's strong financial position.

EARNINGS MAINTAINED
 In 1949, the bank's earnings totalled \$9,221,000, after payment of staff salaries, bonuses and pension fund contributions, as well as provision for contingencies and the depreciation of premises. However, taxes amounted to \$3,-

405,000, or \$425,000 more than they did last year.

After taxes, the B. of M.'s net earnings, at \$5,816,000, compared with \$5,459,000 in 1948. Out of this, shareholders received the sum of \$3,800,000—a return equal to 4.23 per cent of the shareholders' funds.

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Bank of N. S. Assets Many Millions Up

HALIFAX. — Continued high activity and a greatly expanded banking service over the past year are the features underlying the Bank of Nova Scotia's 118th annual statement, just published along with an interesting and human story highlighting the important part the average Canadian depositor plays in the progress of his country.

Evidence of the expansion in the bank's operations can be seen in the growth of its total assets which stood at the end of the bank's year at an all-time high of \$806,308,701.34, an increase of \$56,692,854.94 over the figure shown in last year's statement.

Total loans at the year end were \$340,041,597.83, an increase of almost \$47 million over last year. Greatest factor in this increase is current loans in Canada, which are up \$31 million. Deposits also reached a new high in the year, amounting to \$749,190,264.43, an increase of over \$69 million.

The bank's liquid position was maintained with cash standing at the relation of 11.99 per cent to public liabilities and quick assets totalling \$473,688,653.57, or 61.72

per cent of the total public liabilities. Over the year there was a moderate reduction in holdings of government securities which now stand at \$264,179,655.72.

Total profits for year amounted to \$4,705,724.14, after full provision for bad and doubtful debts. Out of this the bank disbursed \$204,412.97 for depreciation, and \$2,004,000 as estimated Dominion and Provincial taxes. The higher level of profits and taxes thereon is in part a reflection of the substantial increase in loans and also of recoveries of a non-recurring nature applicable to prior years.

Dividends to shareholders, plus provision for a 30-cent-per-share extra distribution payable in January, 1950, left a net profit of \$499,311.17 to be carried forward to the Profit and Loss Account. The balance in the Profit and Loss Account is now \$2,887,024.99.

Total earnings over the year amounted to \$1.91 per share. This includes \$1.50 paid, or to be paid, to shareholders as dividends. Last year's earning per share amounted to \$1.63.

Highlights of this year's statement compared to last year's are:

	1949	1948
Profits	\$ 4,705,724.14	\$ 3,870,376.44
Depreciation	402,412.97	472,029.68
Provision for taxes	2,004,000.00	1,351,000.00
Net Income	2,299,311.17	2,097,346.76
Dividends	1,890,000.00	1,680,000.00
Carried forward	159,311.17	327,346.76
Balance profit and loss account	2,887,024.99	2,357,713.82
Capital	12,000,000.00	12,000,000.00
Reserve	24,000,000.00	24,000,000.00
Public Deposits	709,500,035.62	644,580,817.71
Other Deposits	42,890,228.81	35,748,924.81
Cash	151,474,250.37	105,513,264.75
Due by banks	14,849,363.99	14,952,440.13
Dom. Govt. securities	227,749,378.62	234,963,627.08
Prov. Govt. securities	30,506,397.02	19,645,376.29
Other securities	49,574,611.11	43,530,138.15
Call loans	38,234,652.46	23,934,406.38
Letters of Credit	382,656,945.47	269,479,562.74
Bank Premises	15,550,120.91	28,221,904.29
Shares of and loans to controlled companies	8,557,535.51	7,207,393.20
	5,483,309.04	2,311,765.20
Total assets	\$806,308,701.34	\$749,615,846.40

TCA Inaugurates B Barbados Service

On December 1st a new air service to Barbados in the British West Indies will be inaugurated by Trans-Canada Air Lines.

The new service calls for an additional stop on the Airline's weekly flights from Montreal to Bermuda and Trinidad.

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